

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Richland Parish Fire District Pumper Modernization Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Richland Parish Police Jury, located at 35 Lynn Gayle Robertson Road, Rayville, LA 71291.

The funding would be used to replace an outdated and unsafe fire pumper truck for Richland Parish Fire District #3 in Richland Parish, Louisiana. The new commercial pumper will improve emergency response capacity, firefighter safety, and fire protection coverage across the district's large rural service area. Richland Parish Fire District #3 currently relies on aging apparatus, including equipment dating back to the 1970s and 1990s, which increases response times and limits operational effectiveness.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funding because it will strengthen public safety in a rapidly growing rural parish and improve the fire district's ability to respond to emergencies involving residents, agricultural operations, and new industrial development.

The project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

I request you give this project every consideration, consistent with all rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julia Letlow, Ph.D.
MEMBER OF CONGRESS